



2022 Freedom Convoy Public Order Planning **Friday, February 4, 2022** **(Tammy Norlock – Note Taker for Insp Michel Marin)**

MM	Michel Marin	EE	Eli Edward
KK	Kevin Kennedy	KB	Ken Bryden
MC	Marc Clement	JD	Jamie Dunlop
MS	Mike Stoll	PB	Paul Burnett

1116 Sit Rep MM was in NCRCC yesterday. Never experienced this level of an operation in the city. Yesterday intel reports were sent to KK. Some people we realize are armed and we assume there is a number of them. Car stopped with ammunition that was heading into downtown. Has a video of the City residents trying to take back their area with blow horns and chanting. Chief had a press conference and those are what our directions are.

MS - Getting staffing in from out of town for weekend. Sussex and Rideau is our target to contain. Will continue to negotiate – OPP and OPS here for long haul. POU come Monday need to know if we can stand down teams as we will need POU here at a later date. Provincial Operation Center (POC) - Wallace will start a database of members available instead of scrambling to find out who is available when. Now can call POC to see who is available. Supt could do the same for soft cap resources but that is out of our lane but could possibly use that. Proof of concept SMEAC completed. and MS will send MM a copy. Change of tactics needed for negotiations with help from Peter Collins to carve off some people on the edge and that could start today. They are coming up with a strategy for that.

MM advised an alternate route needed so people are able to come and go from Bryere Hospital. PLT can go in to start these conversations. Shack in confederation park being build. We have multiply jurisdictions and that is on NCC land and we have no authority in there. Protestors have set up fuel tanks that are fenced in. Pictures were shown to Fire Chief and they contacted the fire marshal. It is improper storage and the fuel tank was removed. The shack is set up for the truckers as soup kitchen. The NCC head sent message to Chief at 7:00am to say it will be dismantled. PLT and POU not available to assist until 11:00. Fuel is said to be removed.

No intel to how many could be coming in this weekend. They are assembling and deciding where to go (Ottawa or Quebec City). SMEAC done from Rideau and Sussex said MS. What we do there could impact the country. Need consultation with Toronto, Alberta etc. MM said lets focus on SMEAC. If they approve the SMEAC the traffic plan, tow plan, tactical arrest plan need to be done. Need to have clear date to when we are going in so we can arrange resources. MM said main goal today is PLT to go in and early afternoon a SMEAC sent up. This room feels like it's the strategic planning team and we are not. Team said we need to switch gears and become the strategic planning team – MM agreed as someone needs to take the lead. Without strategic direction we can't make plans for everything and get it approved. JD working on this authority.

Concept plan being looked at and will be done tomorrow. Will have concepts but it is not a plan.

	Traffic, tow and massive arrest waiting for and we are on hold till we have those. If we go in and do this probe and it goes sideways we need to back it up. Strategic level we can't plan for perfection because we will never do anything if we plan for perfection. We will not know till be try. Is this necessary to go in and do this if there is a high probability people will get injured. MS said there are a lot of pieces of the puzzle that need to be locked down hard. A hard plan is needed. Mass arrest plan underway and POU plan is ready. MM asked tactical if anything is missing. MC liked the plan. MC to see if additional tactical officers needed. MS needs to sit with PLT, tow planning, traffic tow planner, tactical planner and discuss this is the plan we want to do. MM needs tasking sheets. MS said they were sent in and ready to go. Can resend them. MM advised KK that tow vehicle folks to reach out to Metro. MM needs task sheet to be sent to Jamie Dunlop ASAP.
1156	End of sit rep.
1203	MC asked MM if there is a way to jam radio signals. MM said yes but if it jams them it jams us.
1205	Wooden structure is still there and still lots of propane (MC).
1214	MS checked with MM on resource list sent into JD for actioning.
1219	MM received call from JD. Will need media messaging – John Steinbachs via phone. JD advised people we are trying to bring in are overtasked will bring in as we see fit and will be done remotely.
1245	MM briefing PB.
1310	MM advised that CID rep KB to be coming in.
1325	MM briefing with KB.
1335	MM introduced KB to the team and told to ask him for anything that is needed from him. They are looking for a position paper.
1337	KB said COT folks for Rideau - Sussex have the plates and registration info. Came back with 200 plates that have to be analyzed. Will ask to get the Rideau Sussex piece now. KB was not aware of any firearms. How many of those trucks are unoccupied? Getting thermals closer to game day. OPP has a specific Rideau Sussex report.
1347	KK - COT will be out with the crowds watching. Want them to be out there and hear what the plans are. Would like to have 10 of them out.
1348	MS - PLT suggestions – all walk in one way. Need cell numbers to have them deal with inventory. KK – do not want to give them a heads up we are going in.
1407	MS to go through plan (displayed on overhead – can get a copy). One area with more militant groups on Rideau and Sussex – gave officers a hard time and not cooperation with PLT. Moving target, in the area with more trucks coming in and blocked off more areas. If there is a presence of children, elder – PLT to be a resource in that instance. Triger events. Discussion had before operation with other services to see if it will have an impact in Alberta. Nothing that happened in Alberta has affected us here. Disabling vehicles via 3 inch chains through axles etc. MM asked if there is a way to get this information and confirm. All photos on open source and an analyst can gather this info. MM asked KB to look into.

Another concern maneuvering vehicles out of there. Only coming out east bound. Route down Rideau Street. How many tows do we have access to – still being looking into. Rideau Street is wide open said KK. George to Daly to the Chateau should be blocked said KK. Public works has large vehicles. MS asked MM if we still have Jersey barriers. Will have to check – not sure. Should be set up earlier. Weather over the next little while is better so might get some barrier trucks back to help block roads. KK confirmed we will not get Metro heavy towing vehicles. Metro not willing to come into the core.

PLT playing catch up. Telling protestors there's consequences to actions and talking to them about leaving and which exit ways out as well as warning of arrests if needed. We have absence of a social media strategy and need to have info. Aboriginal component as they are starting to get angry. Grand Chief sent a letter. MM to call our media person on that to dig up the letter and do some messaging on that. Need a robust communications plan internally and externally.

Deliberate action plan – MS Reviewed plan (displayed on overhead).

Alternate Action Plan – MS reviewed (displayed on overhead). Level 1 deployment, robust traffic plan needed. POU knocks on door, arrests them, tactical clears the truck. If they don't exit the trucks tactical will then deal with it. Each truck to clear would take a matter of minutes. Only issue is if there are kids or dogs etc inside it will slow things down. KK asked if negotiators needed. Guys working on work ups today.

Tow, tac and traffic plan needed for this.

Red zone – all fluid right now and can discuss over the weekend.

Immediate Action Plan - Depends on intel – if goes south then we will withdraw and leave.

S/Sgt Cairns assigned to do the traffic plan. S/Sgt Gibbons working on mass arrest plan.

Ingress for teams coming in – multiple arrival groups. KK suggest a primary and secondary route. Primary would be for police, city vehicles and tow trucks only on Rideau Street. Traffic will maintain these routes. Secondary – route to drive the trucks out. If they go on primary, they will block everyone in.

If someone is voluntarily being arrested or being arrested forcibly, are we charging all of them? Not up to us, up to CID portion of the plan. Should give them all conditions to leave the city and they can deal with it later. While a vehicle is charged with a criminal offense the vehicle is held till concluded. Vehicles could be moved to Swansea. Needs to be an area that is secured. Anywhere we tow the longer the drive the longer it takes to get them all out. Perhaps a local snow dump? Once they find out where the trucks are it could turn into a rally location pretty quick.

PLT needs to give verbal AND written notice.

NRA discussion. Is it necessary? Have to look at probability of injury. Looking from command if due to economic reasons the trade off is the risk to injuring officers etc. Things have not been violent to this point. The longer it goes on the more emotions come into play.

Commanders Intent: To use all reasonable and lawful means to bring the demonstration to an end, ranging from negotiations to use of force, in order to bring it to a successful resolution (provided by the Chief yesterday).

MS advised the chain of command needs to be established. We don't have a clear intent or mission. There is a decision back log.

OPP - we either maintain or we execute POU Plan – we don't know consequences till we go in.

MS sent plans to MM and JD to be moved up through chain of command.

If we want these people out of here we have to make a move to get this started. Decision making needs to be made very quickly. Don't want to spin our wheels and constantly be redoing plan and burning out our resources.

MS said the Chief needs to see the 3 options so we can start to move forward.

1600	MM (and others in room) on Teams meeting called by DC Ferguson on POU Plan. JD had a good meeting with the Crown. Anyone bringing in gas cans is aiding and abetting. MM advised that fire inspectors were in the NCRCC and would say what regulations apply. They all have this information. MM to send to DC Ferguson. Will go through options and looking for direction: Option 1 – Maintenance Phase (MM read off the overhead presentation). Option 2 – Concept of Operations – Probe Operation. Rideau and Sussex [REDACTED] group. Still waiting for finalized traffic plan. Local traffic tows will not help clear out vehicles. Heavy Truck operator embedded in our group who is a mechanic to help with plan. • Traffic Plan • Tow Plan • Tactical plan • Intelligence (RCMP coming in) • Mass Arrest Plan (JD recreate a jail in order to implement option 3) • Require 3 POU Section (40 officers per section) Option 3 – Mass Removal – but very labour intensive. Chief what area are these plans for? MM confirmed Rideau and Sussex. Hospitals in the areas etc. Chief advised of tweet circulated that a hotel in Kanata had a London member bring in bomb equipment. MS is aware of this and this took place at the Fairfield Hotel (too cold to keep some equipment in the vehicle). MS to reach out and touch base. MM asked who has power for Incident Command? Delegated authority to JD and MM requested. DC Ferguson asked what Intel is on mix of truckers and private citizens? Amount of trucks is changing and there were some problems flying the drone. City cameras show more trucks in the area than we originally started with. JD asked how many POU agencies required. MC has identified two teams of 7. Going in during early morning hours. Getting the truckers removed would require Escort of POU. Would require 3 full sections. Once other plans completed will know more. Right now it is fluid. Deputy Bell asked what's the time to execute beginning to end? MS said this can't be answered – do not know how many tow trucks we have. MM said each vehicle could take an hour to 4 hours depending on state of the vehicle. CH said option of mass arrest is not something we are looking at but could it lead to significant arrests. Is there an interim plan. JD just got off the phone with the crown. Have to offer amenities (washrooms etc). In past we rented a warehouse and build in makeshift cells. Need to be able to properly care for them if arrested. Have to find a location and this will take time. Have to plan that there will be mass arrests. Chief concerned that Councillor McKenna said she has not seen any officers in her area – Centertown – will forward to Supt Zackrias and send to DC Ferguson to follow up. Chief asked if option 2 is recommended option is two. MM said yes. Asked about mass arrests. MM confirmed there would be. Chief wanted more info on mass arrest vs mass removal. MS said option 3 is to clear all the protestors and trucks out of downtown core. Option 2 just Rideau and Sussex. PLT essential to give options to those who want to leave and give them an egress route to leave if they want to. Chief wants to be careful we aren't overplanning something. MM advised it is scalable plan to do piece by piece.
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	Chief would like Peter Collins, John Ferguson to get involved. On day of takedown have to show true negotiation. After several days of plain clothes observations you would not be going in blind and then base it on that information. Would build our threat assessment (dogs, propane tanks) would have a good sense of risks (mental health conditions, guns etc). KB eyes from COT team on it now. Negotiation strategy gets kicked in right up to day before and led by trained negotiator to talk to them about risks, stopping unlawful behavior and advising that they will be removed. PLT, Peter Collins and John Ferguson to weight in. John advised they need 6 OPP negotiators, intel, a scribe, PLT. Once negotiations at that level fails then need barricades. Humane Society should be involved for pets in trucks. MM advised this is all ready part of the plan. MM said we won't take this down all at once. Target Rideau then go from there. Can negotiations be made with FRADA group? Can this be built in Chief asked John. Yes can work on that. MM said PLT framework has been established with OPP. Can negotiators and PLT work hand and hand. Yes, will be embedded. Chief said it is red herring to him the mass arrests. What is the number of possible arrests here for Ottawa? Confused about the need to build a facility? MS said there is the contingency build in for arresting those obstructing. If people try to keep us from accomplishing our goal they will be arrested and we need capacity. Chief – The Incident Commander question keeps coming up. Whoever's name on that date is it. Site Commander in place for Confed Park. IC who supports the site commander will be up to Russ Lucas in consultation with MIM etc and will leave that entirely up to you. We have an Opps plan. If we need to revisit it we can. We don't need 3 or 4 opps plans floating around. JD said we still put our eyes to it. The last operational plan the Chief was sent is no longer valid and we need a plan ASAP. MM confirmed the one from last week is still valid. Last week we had no intent of use of force now we do and we need a specific plan. [REDACTED] John Ferguson & Peter Collins asked for Chief to get a hold of his commissioner to give permission to stay over the weekend and 6 negotiators. Chief asked them to send him request and he will make the official request. Chief feel we are getting close to all being aligned. Tactical removal will be used once we reach point in this demo where we have exhausted all other options. Although Wellington Street is unsafe and unlawful it is not the most dangerous area. Once negotiators said we have done our best then we go into removal mode. MS forwarding document from Marcel from OPP copy of framework established for the negotiation process already pre-established. Copy sent to Christiane as well. Chief asked if anything else needed from command. MM advised nothing for now. Chief said for now we contain as best we can, negotiate as best we can. He is really nervous as he is getting emails that no officers out in the community. Chief wants a full intelligence briefing over the weekend. Chief will go over what he wants with DC Bell. MM reminded everyone to be careful around hotel staff and people who could be in the hallways outside of this room so they are not aware of the information we have. MM and JD confirmed as commanders.
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